

**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

1. A mount assembly for a lamp comprising:
  - a light source having two ends separated by a hollow middle portion;
  - a metal strap surrounding one of said ends and having first and second oppositely disposed affixation areas;
  - a glass stem having a tubular first portion with an outside diameter D;
  - a substantially C-shaped clip mounted upon said tubular first portion, said C-shaped clip having a given height H and an inside diameter D1 that is smaller than said outside diameter D whereby said clip frictionally engages said tubular first portion; and
  - a first frame member having a proximal terminus affixed to said substantially C-shaped clip and a second frame member having a proximal terminus affixed to said substantially C-shaped clip opposite said first frame member, said first frame member having a distal terminus affixed to one of said affixation areas on said metal strap and said second frame member having a distal terminus affixed to the other of said affixation areas, said first and second frame members and said metal strap constituting the sole support for said light source.
2. The mount assembly of Claim 1 wherein a pair of substantially oppositely located cutouts is formed in said substantially C-shaped clip, each cutout providing an extending flap projecting away from said substantially C-shaped clip and wherein said first frame member proximal terminus is attached to one of said flaps and said second frame member proximal terminus is affixed to the other of said flaps.
3. The mount assembly of Claim 2 wherein said glass stem has a second portion formed as a pinch seal and having a pair of electrical lead-ins sealed therein.

4. The mount assembly of Claim 3 wherein said light source has electrodes in opposite ends and said electrical lead-ins are operatively connected to said electrodes.
5. The mount assembly of Claim 4 wherein said two ends of said light source are substantially parallelepipedonal.
6. The mount assembly of Claim 5 wherein at least one of said ends is provided with alignment segments for orientating said metal strap.
7. The mount assembly of Claim 6 wherein said alignment segments comprise spaced apart beads.
8. A mount assembly for a lamp comprising:
  - a light source having two ends separated by a hollow middle portion;
  - a metal strap surrounding one of said ends and having first and second oppositely disposed affixation areas;
  - a glass stem having a tubular first portion with an outside diameter D and a second portion formed as a pinch seal having at least one dimension greater than D;
  - a substantially C-shaped clip mounted upon said tubular first portion, said C-shaped clip having a given height H and an inside diameter D1 that is smaller than said outside diameter D whereby said clip frictionally engages said first portion;
  - a pair of substantially oppositely located cutouts formed in said substantially C-shaped clip, each cutout providing an extending flap projecting away from said substantially C-shaped clip; and
  - a first frame member having a proximal terminus affixed to a first of said flaps and a second frame member having a proximal terminus affixed to a second of said flaps, said first frame member having a distal terminus affixed to one of said affixation areas on said metal strap and said second frame member having a distal terminus affixed to the other of said affixation areas, said first and second frame members and said metal strap constituting the sole support for said light source.